

# Republican Valley Library System



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## We have a policy that covers that!

It feels good to know that you and your library are covered in most situations—like when a daycare provider wants to use your program room for her finger-painting class; or when a board member's cousin from Canada wants a card; or when an upset mother wants you to remove every Harry Potter book from the collection; or, most difficult of all, you happen to notice someone looking at explicit photos on the computer near the Children's Room. The best way to ensure your comfort is to have good policies in place. What does the *Meeting Room Policy* say about acceptable activities and clean-up responsibilities? Who is eligible to get a card according to the *Borrowing Policy*? What does the *Collection Development Policy* say about purchasing materials for the teen area and what is the procedure for challenging library material? Is everyone required to sign your *Guidelines for Computer and Internet Use*?

Policies are guidelines for actions and decisions that support library operations. Good policies guide library directors and staff in implementing board directives; provide consistency in day-to-day operations; assure fair treatment of all customers; and, allow quick response in a time of crisis. Policies should be reviewed by the Library Board every year (January is a good time—start off the New Year right!). Each trustee and every staff member should have a copy of the policies and be familiar with them. Policies should also be posted on the library's website and a hard-copy should be placed at the circulation desk, in case a patron has a question.

Policies govern *every* aspect of library service. Every type of library, bar none, must have policies in place! Necessary policies include Public Service policies; Personnel policies; Collection Development policies; Technology/Internet Access policies; and, Finance policies.

### Public Service Policies

Patron eligibility  
Circulation  
Overdues  
Fines and fees  
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### Personnel Policies

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**Collection Development Policies**

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 Mission Statement  
 Materials selection  
 Formats purchased  
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**Finance Policies**

Authority to handle money

**Technology/Internet Access Policies**

Computer use  
 Time limits  
 Filtering  
 Wi-Fi  
 CIPA  
 Behavior  
 Cell phones

This seems like a lot of different policies, but they are ALL necessary for ALL types of libraries.

There is no need to write these documents from scratch. There are many fine examples of policies available online that can be adapted to your own library's situation. I recommend the Chicago Public Library website: [www.chipublib.org](http://www.chipublib.org) in addition to some libraries closer to home including Holdrege Area Public Library at <http://holdregelibrary.org/> and Rock County Library at <http://libraries.ne.gov/rockcounty>. Current, detailed policies can save library staff members huge headaches by taking the questions out of daily operations.

Once you have all your policies in place, you are ready to write the Procedures Manual. Procedures are detailed steps for every action dictated by the policies. If the current Library Director walked out the door and never returned, would his or her successor know how to turn on the lights, order material, pay the electric bill, etc.? To see a list of what should definitely be in your Procedures Manual, go to the RVLS website (<http://libraries.ne.gov/rvls/>) and click on Print Resources.

Good luck. You will feel so much better once this is done...I just know it!

(Sharon Osenga, Meridian Library System, Policies and Procedures Workshop, 1/5/12)

## Tell the Story

Invite children to practice their narrative skills with this activity.



- Choose one or more wordless picture books.
- Have children sit in a circle.
- Hand one child the wordless picture book and ask her to tell the group what is happening on the first page.
- Instruct the first narrator to then pass the picture book to the next child, who will continue telling the story as he interprets it from the illustration on the next page.
- The book should continue being passed around the circle until the entire story is told.
- If time permits, ask the children to repeat the exercise with a new book.

(*LibrarySparks* p. 4, March 2012.)

## Ellison on the Move

Here's the schedule for the Ellison, if you want on the schedule please contact us, or if it is near you, perhaps you could work out something with your neighbor.

**February 1, 2012—Southern Valley Schools,  
Oxford, NE**

**March 1, 2012—Oxford Public Library**

**April 1, 2012—Hastings Memorial Library,  
Grant, NE**

**May 1, 2012—Available**

**June, 2012—Dundy County Library,  
Benkelman**

**Not booked after June 30, 2012. If you  
would like to schedule a time for your library  
to use the Ellison.**

**Please email us at:**

**rvlsasst@inebraska.com or  
rvlsadmin@inebraska.com**



## Teen Tech Week

**March 4–10, 2012**

### Geek Out @ Your Library

This year's theme encourages libraries to throw open their physical and virtual doors to teens and showcase the outstanding technology they offer, from services such as online homework help and digital literacy-focused programs to resources like e-books, movies, music, audiobooks, databases and more.

Get more information at: [http://  
teentechweek.ning.com/](http://teentechweek.ning.com/).

## RVLS Has Scholarship Money Available

Up to \$100.00 per event for registration, mileage, meal, etc.

Only one scholarship per person per fiscal year

All member libraries eligible

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Library \_\_\_\_\_

Event \_\_\_\_\_

Date of event \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship requested for \_\_\_\_\_ (meal, room, etc.)

Amount requested \_\_\_\_\_

Other information:




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# Week of Weeding



## The Republican Valley Library System is declaring March 5-9, 2012, a “Week of Weeding”!

We want to encourage everyone to participate by agreeing to weed a section of their library that they have been avoiding. You know what it is—that corner, that shelf, that genre of books that you have put off weeding for a while. Now’s the time! **ALL** Libraries in RVLS are eligible to participate!

### How to Participate:

1. Call the RVLS Office (800-569-4961 or 402-462-1975) or send Denise an email at [rvlsadmin@inebraska.com](mailto:rvlsadmin@inebraska.com) to let us know you want to participate.
2. If you need extra encouragement or help deciding what to weed, let Denise know. She will be visiting 5 libraries during this week to lend a helping hand.
3. After you finish your weeding project, fill out the form below.



Those who submit their forms to the RVLS Office by March 16<sup>th</sup> will be entered into a drawing for a Kindle Touch eReader! The winning library will be selected in a random drawing on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Week of Weeding Participation Form

Library \_\_\_\_\_

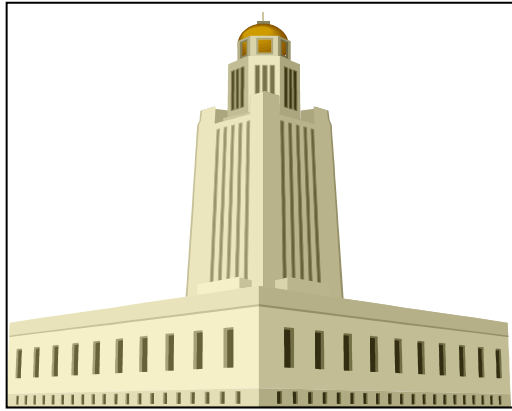
Section Weeded \_\_\_\_\_

How many books were weeded? (approximately) \_\_\_\_\_

Best (or worst) thing that was weeded out? \_\_\_\_\_

We’d love to see some “before and after” photos of your project! You can email digital pictures or submit printed photos with this participation form.

(Pictures are not required and will not affect your library’s chance to win the eReader.)



## Nebraska Library Association Advocacy Day February 27, 2012

The Republican Valley Library System has libraries in four legislative districts. Find out which senator is yours with the interactive map at [www.nebraskalegislature.gov](http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov). The districts and senators are:

| <u>Name</u>      | <u>District #</u> | <u>Home Town</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Les Seiler       | 33                | Hastings         |
| Tom Carlson      | 38                | Holdrege         |
| Tom Hansen       | 42                | North Platte     |
| Mark Christensen | 44                | Imperial         |

### 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Coffee and Doughnuts in Room 1126, State Capitol

Start the day off with refreshments and a visit with our senators, staff members and other librarians. ***Don't Come Alone!*** Invite your senator, trustees, and city officials, too!

### 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Briefing at Lincoln Woman's Club, 407 S. 14<sup>th</sup>

You will receive information on current legislation and library issues from Ken Winston, NLA's lobbyist and receive an update from State Librarian Rod Wagner. You will hear from our Nebraska State Library Commissioners as they share their perspective on advocacy for the Commission and for libraries in general. Jessica Chamberlain will share about the upcoming NLA Snapshot Days on April 16-21 – a great opportunity for collecting advocacy tools – pick a day in the life of YOUR library!

### 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Visit your Senator's Office! Escort them to Lunch!

### Noon Lunch at the Cornhusker Hotel

Invite your senator to a great lunch. The cost is \$20 per person. Please make sure to escort him/her to the luncheon. If your senator is unable to attend, invite his/her legislative aide—they are important contacts in the lobbying process and you should get to know them.

### 1:15 – 3:00 p.m. Afternoon Session

The Nebraska League of Municipalities will be holding their conference February 27-28 at the Cornhusker. Please feel free to visit with your city officials and the vendors in the afternoon.

Register online at: <http://nebraskalibraries.org>.

If paying by check, send to: Nebraska Library Association, ATTN: Advocacy Day, PO Box 21756, Lincoln, Nebraska 68542.

Registrations must be received by **February 20, 2012.**

**Republican Valley Library System Board Meeting**  
**January 6, 2012 10:00 am**  
**Telephone Conference**

**PRESENT:** Vicki Perrie, Jody Crocker, Dana Wade, Fe Cogley, Mo Khamouna, Jane Hilton, Tony Anderson, Claudette Wielechowski, Beth Falla, Vicki Casper, Sky Seery

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Denise Harders (Systems Administrator), Steve Batty, (NLC Commissioner), Richard Miller (NLC Rep)

**Agenda**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Mo called the meeting to order on 1.6.12 at 10:04 am followed by introductions. Meeting then turned over to Mo.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** (11.4.11) Jane moved to accept minutes as written, Dana Wade seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** 50% through the year at the end of December, things are pretty well in line. NRLS account is reimbursing us for the books purchased to sell at the sites author Neal Shusterman visited in October. The Systems take turns ordering items for these author visits. It was requested that the financial reports be a bit more detailed {who, what, where, when, why}. Dana moved to accept the financial reports, Fe seconded. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Lots of holiday/Christmas cards. Deb Jameson thanked RVLS for the scholarship to attend NLA. Sherry Hausmann also thanked RVLS for the NLA conference. Kathy Schultz expressed her appreciation for the Amazon gift card she was given for presenting two story time workshops. The accountant has changed his mind and will remain on his own, as opposed to the previous letter where he was merging. {See Nov. minutes}

**DIRECTORS REPORT:** Denise spent time in Arapahoe helping the new librarian but did visit other libraries. She attended the Grand Reopening at Arapahoe library and 1.7.12 is the Ribbon-Cutting at Jensen Memorial in Minden. Library Director at Minden, Ellen Burchell, has resigned effective immediately. There were a ton of meetings, workshops and webinars attended as well. *Kudos, Denise!* Upcoming events:

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| January 7   | Grand Re-Opening of Jensen Memorial Library, Minden     |
| January 11  | NLC Webinar – OverDrive Trips and Tricks                |
| January 30  | BTOP Open House, Sutton Memorial Library, Sutton        |
| February 13 | Public Library Survey Due                               |
| February 27 | NLA Legislative Day in Lincoln                          |
| March 1     | “We Speak Your Language” Spanish Kits should be mailed  |
| March 2     | RVLS Board Meeting, Telephone Conference Call           |
| March 4-10  | Teen Tech Week – Geek Out @ your Library!               |
| March 5-9   | RVLS Week of Weeding                                    |
| March 13-17 | Public Library Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA |
| March 30    | Summer Reading Workshop                                 |

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Spanish Kits:** Tweaking of the routing going on. One has been added another opted out. Very popular and there are around 29 items in each kit. Kits cost approximately \$10 to mail {not too shabby!}.

**Bulk Loan Contracts:** Jake Rundle is going to work with the Bulk Loan person in Hastings. What has happened is that it's been on the back burner for this person and Jake wants to have a 3-day turnaround time. Fe also talked with the director, Amy about this issue.

**Summer Reading Workshop:** March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Location to be determined. Denise is working on the location and has several good leads.

**Annual Meeting:** Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 at Dancing Leaf Lodge in Wellfleet, NE. Still working on a meal plan {Buffalo Stew anyone? }

## NEW BUSINESS:

**Resignation of Board Member:** Mary Kay Nelson emailed Denise in November about resigning from the RVLS board due to life-style changes. Denise sent a card and small gift from the board thanking her for her service. We will need to replace her position on the Finance Committee and Vicki Casper has offered to be on that committee. {Thanks Vicki!}

**Public Library Association Conference:** Denise is going to the Public Library Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA. She received a stipend of \$300 to attend. Vicki Perrie asked about the funds to attend, so Denise went over the money deets.

**RVLS Week of Weeding:** RVLS Week of Weeding is March 5-9 2012. Meridian System is happening in January, where they can win a Kindle. So, RVLS is doing the same. Get to weeding and maybe {just maybe} you'll win. Denise will be available that week to help...so take advantage of that. Vicki Perrie suggested the possibility of a weeding workshop with RVLS libraries, Vicki Casper, Beth Falla agreed. Plans are in the works for a meeting in the east and west of the system in February. Check for dates and time in Valley Talk.

Denise also asked about a workshop for Library Board Members. Discussion ensued. Denise also mentioned a Youth Services Workshop in the Fall. More workshop ideas were thrown around.

**NLC COMMISSIONERS REPORT:** Library Commission website is great! RVLS blog is also pretty fab, great way to inform, communicate and keep all in the loop. Steve likes the idea of going to Dancing Leaf. McCook is getting their elevator. Some talk about Steve writing a grant for Apple computers if there is a need.

## NLC REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Scholarship Applications due March 1, 2012. Nebraska Learns 2.0 has moved to <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/nelearns>. Julie Pinnell from the Commission has relocated to library director at Doane College in Crete. There is a PLA 2012 conference scholarship contest. Entries due 1.18.12, enter here: [https://cengage.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_6VS3M1tAW2K8xTK](https://cengage.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6VS3M1tAW2K8xTK). The report for the Public Libraries Survey is out. It's time for public libraries to submit figures for fiscal year 2010-2011—do that here: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/stats/BibliostatCollect.aspx>. NCompass Live has several programs, take advantage of them. Check out the Basic Skills Schedule, all classes are held online using Moodle. There are 37 copies of "I Am a Man": Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice by Joe Starita to loan out. There is IMLS grants for Libraries, Museums, Public/Private Nonprofit Entities, Higher Education Institutions. The 2012 Book Festive is Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at *nuVibe Juice and Java* and at the *Nebraska State Historical Society's Nebraska History Museum*. It's free and open to the public. NLC is offering a group discount to NE Librarians to attend Computers in Libraries 2012 in DC.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 with Tony making a motion to adjourn and Fe seconding.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** March 2, 2012 via teleconference.



Board Member Vacancy.....

If you, or someone you know, would like to be on the RVLS Board, we have an opening. Please submit your nominations to Denise or Kay at the RVLS





## 2012 Election Resources

With Republican primary elections under way, it will be national election time before we know it. Part of what makes our democracy work is ensuring that we have an educated populace. It can be difficult to find unbiased information on candidates and issues, so check out these non-partisan resources that will help your library users become more knowledgeable citizens.

League of Women Voters—<http://www.smartvoter.org/>

Offers a complete list of all contests on your ballot including local offices.

Project Vote Smart—<http://www.votesmart.org/>

Offers a tool called “VoteEasy™” which matches you up with national candidates based on your answers to questions about key political issues.

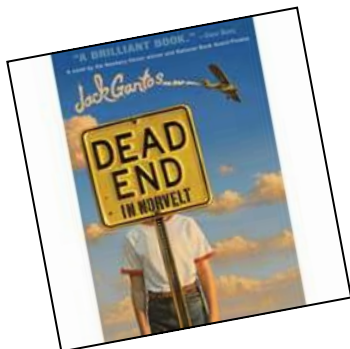
PolitiFact—<http://www.politifact.com/>

A humorous, but still factual, site that rates candidates on the truthfulness of their political claims by using a “Truth-O-Meter®.” Politicians can score on a range from True to Half True, False or, for the worst offences, a Pants on Fire.

(Jessica Chamberlain, *Straight Talk*, January/February 2012)



## Award Winning Books



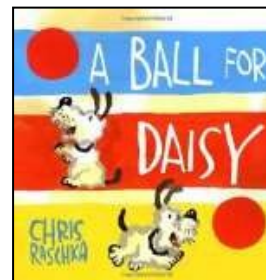
**John Newbery Medal** for the most outstanding contribution to children’s literature.

*Dead End in Norvelt*, by Jack Gantos.

Melding the entirely true and the wildly fictional, *Dead End in Norvelt* is a novel about an incredible two months for a kid named Jack Gantos, whose plans for vacation excitement are shot down when he is “grounded for life” by his feuding parents, and whose nose spews bad blood at every little shock he gets. But plenty of excitement (and shocks) are coming Jack’s way once his mom loans him out to help a feisty old neighbor with a most unusual chore—typewriting obituaries filled with stories about the people who founded his utopian town.

**Randolph Caldecott Medal** for the most distinguished American picture book for children. *A Ball for Daisy*, by Chris Rashcka.

Here’s a story about love and loss as only Chris Rashcka can tell it. Any child who has ever had a beloved toy break will relate to Daisy’s anguish when her favorite ball is destroyed by a bigger dog.



**Michael L. Printz Award** for excellence in literature written for young adults.

*Where Things Come Back*, by John Corey Whaley.

In the remarkable, bizarre, and heart-wrenching summer before Cullen Witter’s senior year of high school, everything he thinks he understands about his small and painfully dull Arkansas town vanishes. His cousin overdoses; his town becomes absurdly obsessed with the alleged reappearance of an extinct woodpecker; and most troubling of all, his sensitive, gifted fifteen-year-old brother, Gabriel, suddenly and inexplicably disappears.





# Dream Big READ!

Presented by Republican Valley Library System

## Summer Reading Program Workshop

March 30th, 2012

Arapahoe Public Library

302 Nebraska Ave.

Arapahoe, NE 68922

10:00 am—3:30 pm



- 10:00—10:15 a.m.     **Registration and Coffee**
- 10:15—11:15 a.m.     **"Dream Big—Read! Book Reviews for Children and Teens" with Sally Snyder, NE Library Commission**
- 11:15—12:00 p.m.     **All participants are encouraged to bring craft and program ideas to share with others.**
- 12:00—12:45 p.m.     **Lunch At Cunningham's Feed—Bakery, Grill & Bar (included in your registration fee)**
- 1:00—3:00 p.m.     **"NIGHTTIME ANTICS" with Jody Crocker, from McCook Public Library**
- 3:00—??     **Complete the workshop Evaluation and Network with other participants**



**GOODY BAGS** for everyone.

Don't forget to register for the **DOOR PRIZES**

**PUPPETS** available for you to purchase at the workshop.

The **ELLISON** will be available for you to use at the workshop.



### Registration Required by March 19, 2012

Send to: Republican Valley Library System  
2727 West 2nd St. #233  
Hastings, NE 68901

**Workshop Fee: \$15.00** (includes lunch)

Phone: 402-462-1975 or 1-800-569-4961

e-mail [rvlsasst@inebraska.com](mailto:rvlsasst@inebraska.com) or [rvlsadmin@inebraska.com](mailto:rvlsadmin@inebraska.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Library: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Website Recommendations



Teen Librarian's Toolbox—<http://teenlibrarianstoolbox.blogspot.com/>

With eighteen years experience serving teens in the library, Karen Jensen from Arlington, Texas, offers clever creative programming ideas and sage advice.

Dollar Store Crafts—<http://www.dollarstorecrafts.com/>

Instructions for crafts that utilize all those bargain finds from dollar stores.

Hungry Happenings— <http://www.hungryhappenings.com/>

Yummy, themed food ideas that include pictures and instructions for making edible books from homemade modeling chocolate and fruit rollups, among other fun programs and party snacks.

Story Snoops— <http://www.storysnoops.com/>

Created by moms, this well-organized and easy-to-use site is the perfect tool for assisting young people in finding that perfect title. (Readers' Advisory)

Young Adult Activities—<http://yaprogramactivities.wordpress.com/>

Brandon Hines, a young adult librarian at Hays Public Library in Hays, Kansas, hosts this blog with Scott Radar. The name says it all, as it is chock full of fun and easy activities for young tweens and teens through high school age.

(*Voya*, December 2011)



The **YART Spring Meeting** will be held at Gothenburg Public Library on Saturday, April 14, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. The theme is Collection Development. All librarians serving teens (both school



## On the Bookshelf

The following audiobooks were recently added to the RVLS Collection:

- ***Birds of Paradise*** by Abu-Jaber, Diana
- ***11/22/63*** by King, Stephen
- ***The Drop*** by Connelly, Michael
- ***Ed King*** by Guterson, David
- ***The House of Silk*** by Horowitz, Anthony
- ***The Night Strangers*** by Bohjalian, Chris
- ***Nightwoods*** by Frazier, Charles
- ***No Rest for the Dead*** by 26 authors contributed
- ***Second Grave on the Left*** by Jones, Darynda
- ***Showdown at Yellow Butte*** by L'Amour, Louis
- ***The Sisters*** by Jensen, Nancy
- ***Triangles*** by Hopkins, Ellen
- ***What The Night Knows*** by Koontz, Dean

A complete listing of our available materials is on our web page  
[libraries.ne.gov/rvls](http://libraries.ne.gov/rvls) under **Services**

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Due

February 13, 2012

### Postage Stamp Fun

Visit [www.activity-sheets.com/coloring\\_page/stamps](http://www.activity-sheets.com/coloring_page/stamps) for printable postage stamp coloring sheets of famous people (including Buffalo Bill Cody, whose birthday is **February 26**), sports events, nature/animals, holidays, love, commemorative stamps, and a blank stamp to design your own.

(*LibrarySparks* p. 4, February 2012)



# Collection Management

Have questions about how to select materials, how to get the most for your money, or what should be taken out of your collection? Join System Director Denise Harders for this workshop on Collection Management.

Bring an item you would like to weed!

Cost: \$5.00 (includes light lunch)

Choose from two locations:

## **Friday, February 24, 2012**

11:00 – 3:00 (Central Time)

Jensen Memorial Library

443 N. Kearney

Minden, NE

## **Wednesday, February 29, 2012**

11:00 – 3:00 (Mountain Time)

Lied Imperial Public Library

703 Broadway

Imperial, NE

This workshop is sponsored by the Republican Valley Library System.

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Registration Deadline: February 22, 2012. Please indicate location.

Minden

Imperial

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Library: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check and registration to:

Republican Valley Library System  
2727 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street #233  
Hastings, NE 68901

Phone: 1-800-569-4961

402-462-1975

Email: [rvlsasst@inebraska.com](mailto:rvlsasst@inebraska.com)

# RVLS HAPPENINGS

## Congratulations!

**Patsy Marrs** was honored on September 28 at the Village Board meeting for her 26 years of service to the **Maxine White Public Library** and the Village of Sutherland.

## Jensen Memorial Library

Jensen Memorial Library in Minden was closed for remodeling during December. On Saturday, January 7, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., the library re-opened with a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony. The building is like brand new—new carpet, new paint, new furniture, new arrangement, new color scheme, new meeting room...a whole new look!

More than 100 people attended the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, including special guest, Dr. Peter Jensen, great-grandson of the original benefactor.

## Houchen Bindery

### Beginning Professional Award

Jake Rundle, Collections Librarian, at Hastings Public Library recently received the *Houchen Bindery Beginning Professional Award*.



It is a cash prize sponsored by Houchen Bindery LTD and is awarded to a beginning librarian or media specialist who has made significant contributions to library and/or media ser-

## Disc Cleaning and Repair

Each RVLS member library has through June 30, 2012, to have 25 discs cleaned and repaired for **FREE**. If you have more than 25 discs that need fixing, you may send them to us and we will repair them and send them back with an invoice for 50 cents per disc. If you come to the RVLS Office in Hastings and pick up the repaired discs, the charge is 35 cents per disc. A similar service at a retail video outlet costs more than \$5.00 per disc!



The RTI ECO Auto-Smart is amazing! It will repair almost all scratches, no matter how deep. However, if the disc is cracked, we cannot fix it.

**This is a great time to try out this new service...the first 25 discs are free until June 30, 2012!**



## Big Talk from Small Libraries

February 28, 2012

8:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (CT)

So many presentations at conferences seem to be by and for librarians from larger libraries. Well, Big Talk from Small Libraries will change that. This **free** one-day webinar is aimed at librarians from small libraries; the smaller the better. Each of our speakers is from a small library or works directly with small libraries. Choose the programs on what you're dealing with now or maybe try something new. Everyone is welcome to register and attend, regardless of how big or small their library is, but if your library serves a few thousand people, or a few hundred, this is the day for you!

### Preliminary Schedule:

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| 8:45 a.m.  | Welcome                                |
| 9:00 a.m.  | Helping Your Patrons E-Read            |
| 10:00 a.m. | Community Partnerships                 |
| 11:00 a.m. | The FFL Fabulous Laboratory            |
| Noon       | Combo School/Public Libraries          |
| 1:00 p.m.  | Helping the Public Learn Technology    |
| 2:00 p.m.  | Working in the Cloud                   |
| 3:00 p.m.  | Gaming and Game Collection Development |
| 4:00 p.m.  | TBA                                    |

This conference was organized and is hosted by Michael Sauers and Laura Johnson of the Nebraska Library Commission and is co-sponsored by the Association for Small & Rural Libraries and Library Renewal. Registration details can be found at <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/bigtalk/>.



## RVLS Board Meetings

2011-2012

Friday, March 2, 2012

Landmark Center's Lower Level Conf. Room –RVLS, Hastings

Friday, June 1, 2012—Annual Meeting

Dancing Leaf Lodge, Wellfleet



## Mark Your Calendar



|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| February 13     | Public Libraries Survey Due                          |
| Feb. 13–March 9 | Basic Skills—Organization of Materials               |
| February 24     | Collection Management, Minden (see page 12)          |
| February 27     | Library Advocacy Day in Lincoln (see page 5)         |
| February 28     | Big Talk from Small Libraries (see page 14)          |
| February 29     | Collection Management, Imperial (see page 12)        |
| March 1         | “We Speak Your Language” kits should be mailed       |
| March 2         | RVLS Board Meeting, Landmark Center, Hastings        |
| March 4-10      | Teen Tech Week– Geek Out @ Your Library (see page 3) |
| March 5– 9      | Week of Weeding (see page 4)                         |
| March 13-17     | Public Library Association Conference, Philadelphia  |
| March 19-30     | Basic Skills—Leadership                              |
| March 29        | NLA Paraprofessional Spring Meeting                  |
| March 30        | Summer Reading Workshop (see page 9)                 |
| March 31        | Nebraska Book Festival, Lincoln                      |
| April 2-13      | Basic Skills—Library Policy                          |
| April 14        | YART Spring Meeting (see page 10)                    |
| April 30-May 11 | Basic Skills—Programming and Outreach                |
| June 1          | RVLS Annual Meeting, Dancing Leaf Lodge, Wellfleet   |



### New Book Discussion Kits

The RVLS System Office has acquired some new Book kits:

*Everlost* by Neal Shusterman—15 copies

*The Schwa was Here* by Neal Shusterman —15 copies

*I Am a Man: Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice* by Joe Starita—10 copies

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Furnas  
Gosper  
Harlan  
Hayes  
Hitchcock  
Kearney  
Lincoln  
Logan  
McPherson  
Nuckolls  
Perkins  
Phelps  
Red Willow  
Webster

*“A library is an arsenal  
of liberty.”*

*—Unknown*